

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, undated, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. (1879)? Dearest Alec:

Since sending my telegram I have discovered I am not comfortable here. The hotel is so big and so crowded we neither of us like staying downstairs alone and so I have had much against my will to waste the whole evening there with Lina, then the verandahs are too crowded for walks and the chairs half the time occupied. Our room is cool and pleasant but one can't stay here all the time and there is no privacy elsewhere. May we not go and secure refusal of one of the cottages? I would like to ask Auntie Kittie down to see me before your father and mother come, she has been very kind to me and I am sure would be thankful for the breath of sea air. Lina did not want to go in bathing today so I did not go either.

I don't think we want Lina (the servant) any more can't you give her a weeks notice. If you think it any use keeping Charlotte put her in Lina's place. Seriously do you think it worth while opening the Cambridge house, I don't, if you get there on the 1st. of August and leave on the 25th. of the same month it certainly is not. I won't do it for that length of time. Ask Lina when she sends the washing to send the baby's christening robes, and some other long dresses she will find in the bathroom trunks.

I am very tired so good night, Very lovingly, Mabel. Take good care of yourself dear.